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SUBJECT: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

REF: (A) STATE 65086 (B) STATE 074827; (C) SEOUL 2167

1. ROK CONSUL GENERAL BROACHED SUBJECT WITH EMBOFF AT SOCIAL
FUNCTION APRIL 20, NOTING THAT ROK HAD MADE INTENSIVE EFFORTS

WITH GUB. HE ADDED THAT WHILE POSSIBILITY OF US SUPPORT
APPRECIATED, HE BELIEVED IT BEST FOR US TO DESIST AT LEAST FOR
PRESENT.

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REF B, WE AGAIN CHECKED WITH ROK CONSUL
GENERAL APRIL 23. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE
MATTER WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER APRIL 21 AND HAD BEEN
ASSURED THAT ROK CASE WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AT TOP
LEVELS GUB.

3. ROK OFFICIAL AGAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US WILLINGNESS
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SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS, BUT REAFFIRMED HIS POSITION THAT IT WOULD

BE BEST IF WE HELD OFF AT MOMENT. HE SAID HE HAD CONVEYED
SAME VIEW TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR. ROK OFFICIAL NOTED THAT HIGH
LEVEL ROK MISSION TO SEA (REF C) DUE VISIT RANGOON APRIL 24-27
AND THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS PROMINENT ON ITS AGENDA. HE PROMISED
LET US KNOW IF AT ANY STAGE IT APPEARED THAT HELPFUL HAND
FROM EMBASSY WOULD BE USEFUL.

4. ROK OFFICIAL THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT GUB MIGHT ABSTAIN IN
VIEW OF FOREGOING EFFORTS. UNFORTUNATELY, HE ADDED, A MONTH
AGO MFA NGU ASSURED DPRK CONSULGENERAL OF GUB' S SUPPORT FOR
DPRK' S ADMISSION TO WHO AND IT WOULD PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT
FOR MFA TO WRIGGLE OFF THIS HOOK, EVEN THOUGH ALL THAT ROK
WAS SEEKING WAS POSTPONEMENT.

5. COMMENT: BELIEVE WE SHOULD DEFER TO ROK CONSUL GENERAL' S
JUDGMENT. WE HAVE MADE CLEURO UR READINESS LEND OUR SUPPORT
WHenever HE DEEMS IT NECESSARY.

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